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In re Application of Confirmation No.: 7601
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S. N. 10/759,470 Examiner: James C. Dooley
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For: TOOL SUSPENSION DEVICE HAVING A SEPARABLE TOOL BRACKET WITH
OFFSET PARTING LINE AND A PLASTIC INJECTION MOLD ASSEMBLY FOR
MAKING THE TOOL BRACKET

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 28, 2005,
please make the following amendments:

Specification amendments begin on page 2 of this document.

Claim amendments begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

In the specification:

Page 8, lines 14-23, please amend the paragraph as follows:

With reference to FIGS. 2 and 5, the marking portion (204) is formed on the bottom of the upper cavity (203) to mold the product indicator (101) on the front of the body of the tool bracket (10). Since the secondary flat molding surface of the upper cavity (203) is flush with the primary flat molding surface of the through cavity (201), a continuous parting line (102) is formed along the interface between the interchangeable mold (202) and the common mold (200) on the top, the bottom and the sides of the body of the tool bracket (10) and is free from the front of the body. Consequently, the parting line (102) is free and is not visible from the front of the body when a consumer faces the front of the tool suspension device. Therefore, the front of the body of the tool bracket (10) is clean and neat.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 is amended herein. Non-elected claims 2 and 3 are canceled.

1. (currently amended) A tool suspension device comprising:

- a suspension board having a front; and
- a tool bracket mounted demountably on the front of the suspension board and having
 - a U-shaped body having a top, a bottom, two opposite sides, a front free from a parting line, a longitudinal tool slot defined from the top to the bottom and a continuous parting line formed around the top, the bottom and the sides; and
 - a product indicator molded on the front of the U-shaped body.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3 were present in the application. Claim 1 is amended herein. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled, being non-elected. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Applicant's disclosed Prior art.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Responsive to the Examiner's rejection, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the differences with the prior art, adding a limitation into the front of the body. Because the added feature, the U-shaped body having a front free from a parting line, has been disclosed in the original drawing as filed, applicant believes that the amendment to claim 1 does not incur any new matter. The specification is also amended and it is submitted that this is not new matter.

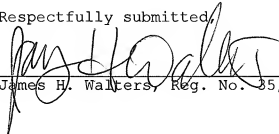
With the amendment to claim 1, applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner because that the Applicant's disclosed Prior art does not show the feature described in the amended claim 1 of this invention. The Applicant's disclosed Prior art shows a tool bracket having a parting line formed on a front of the body but not around the body. The Applicant's disclosed Prior art does not show the front of the body is kept

free from a parting line. Without any prima facie case, applicant disagrees to the Examiner's assertion of 'modifying the mold design disclosed as prior art by Applicant so as to have the parting lines on the edges rather than the front face' being obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention. The Applicant's disclosed Prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest the feature described in the amended claim 1 of this invention. To achieve this invention is not obvious to one skilled in the art with reference to the Applicants disclosed Prior art.

Therefore, applicant believes that the rejection to claim 1 of this invention has been overcome and the amended claim 1 is allowable.

In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


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